



MASTER LICENSE SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
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License Fee Sheet

The following registrations and licenses are available through the Master License Service (MLS), unless noted otherwise. To obtain these licenses, complete a Master Application and pay the fees indicated.

If a license indicates that agency approval is required you may **not** begin that business activity until you receive a Registrations & Licenses document that displays the name of that license.

Your business may require additional licenses that are not available through the Master License Service. If you need more information on licensing requirements for your business, contact the Master License Service at **(360) 664-1400** or visit our Internet site at <http://www.dol.wa.gov>

APPLICATION FEE

\$15

Department of Licensing

Must be paid each time a Master Application is submitted. You do not pay this fee if you are **only** hiring persons to work in or around your home.

REGISTRATIONS

These registrations are valid as long as you remain in business.

TAX REGISTRATION

No additional fee

Department of Revenue

You must obtain a tax registration if you answer "yes" to **any** of the questions listed below. A tax registration cannot be transferred to another business.

- Do you plan to gross over \$12,000 per year?
- Will you be selling at retail any item or product to another person?
- Will you be repairing, installing, altering, decorating, or improving any item or product for another person (e.g., car repair, construction)?
- Will you engage in a business that is responsible for any other state taxes (e.g., timber, fish, litter, public utility, hazardous substance/waste, etc.)?

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE

No additional fee

Department of Labor & Industries

If you employ one or more people, you **must** apply for industrial insurance coverage. **Excluded Groups:** The groups listed below are exempt from mandatory coverage, but **you may request optional coverage** by completing the Employment section of the Master Application. An *Application for Optional Coverage* will be sent to you. Excluded groups include:

- Sole proprietors, partners, LLC members with management responsibility.
- Executive officers and corporate officers who are directors and shareholders. If you select elective coverage for your executive officers, *all* executive officers must be covered.
- Domestic servants and those performing gardening or repair around the home.
- Services in return for aid.
- Minors under 18 employed on a family farm.

- Jockey racing.
- Entertainers and musicians.
- Volunteer law enforcement officers.
- Volunteer workers or student volunteers (K-12).
- Community service workers.
- Cosmetologists, barbers, estheticians or manicurists who rent booths.
- Newspaper carriers.
- Insurance agents, brokers and solicitors.
- Other employment as defined by RCW Title 51.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

No additional fee

Employment Security Department

If you employ one or more persons, you must apply for unemployment insurance coverage. Any claim for exemption, except corporate officers, must be approved by the Employment Security Department.

Corporate officers are exempt, but you must notify them in writing that they are not being covered by unemployment insurance. If you wish to provide coverage for corporate officers, you should indicate this on the Master Application. An *Application for Voluntary Coverage* will be sent to you.

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

\$5 per name

Department of Licensing

Trade Name or "Doing Business As" name must be registered if:

- Sole proprietor or partnership is using a name other than the full legal name of all the owners; or
- Corporations, limited partnerships or limited liability companies are operating under a name other than the name registered with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Please indicate all "Doing Business As" names on Section 2 of the Master Application.

This registration does **not** provide protection of the name. To see if the Trade Name you are planning to use is already registered, call our trade name search line: 1-900-463-6000. Cost is \$4.95 for the first minute and 50 cents for each additional minute. Average search time is three minutes.

If you need assistance through the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, call TTY (360) 664-8885. To request this document in an alternate format for the visually impaired, call (360) 664-1400.

RENEWABLE REGISTRATIONS & LICENSES

These registrations and licenses must be renewed annually.

BULK FERTILIZER DISTRIBUTOR

\$25 per location

Department of Agriculture

Required for any business that brings into or that distributes within Washington commercial fertilizer in bulk (nonpackaged form).

CIGARETTE SALES, RETAIL & WHOLESALE

See "Tobacco Sales"

COLLECTION AGENCY

\$650 for main location in Washington

\$350 for each branch location (in Washington or out-of-state)

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for any business that:

- Collects debts on behalf of clients located in Washington and/or other states;
- Solicits claims for collection;
- Markets forms or a collection system to be used in debt collection; or
- Collects their own debts using a fictitious name to imply that a third party is involved.

The business must maintain a trust account and an office in Washington for the purpose of conducting its collection agency business. The office must be managed by a Washington resident and be open to the public during regular business hours. A \$5,000 surety bond is required.

COLLECTION AGENCY – OUT OF STATE

\$325 for main out-of-state location

\$175 for each branch location (out of state)

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for any business outside Washington that undertakes the collection of a debt on behalf of clients who are also outside Washington, and that uses only telephone, mail or fax to collect, or attempt to collect, on debts from persons or businesses located inside Washington. A \$5,000 surety bond is required.

Note: Based on other states' laws, some businesses may be exempt from license fees and bonding. Please contact the Business & Professions Division at (360) 664-1389 for more information.

COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SOLICITOR

\$72 per location

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for each location making unsolicited commercial telephone calls and selling goods or products during the call. Also required for those who offer free prizes by mail and invite a telephone response. Exclusions from coverage include, but are not limited to, those soliciting for educational, political, or charitable purposes; those for whom less than 60 percent of the prior year's sales were made by telephone solicitations; and those who sell to businesses who either resell the product or use it for manufacturing.

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

Additional forms required

Registration not available through MLS

Contact: Dept. of Labor & Industries (360) 902-6359 or 1-800-647-0982 (in state only) or www.lni.wa.gov

Any individual or business involved in construction, remodeling, repair, excavation, or demolition of any structure, road or property must obtain a Contractor Registration. This includes those who install floor coverings, lawn sprinkler systems, or scaffolding. Those who perform plumbing or electrical work must have additional certifications or licenses. Registration is also required for an individual who plans to hire subcontractors from more than one trade to work on a single project related to the individual's own property, with the intent to sell that improved property.

CORPORATE REGISTRATION

Additional forms required

Registration not available through MLS

Contact: Office of the Secretary of State (360) 753-7115

Washington based corporations doing business in Washington must file Articles of Incorporation.

Firms incorporated in any other state or country should contact the Corporations Division of the Office of the Secretary of State for filing requirements. **In addition to** filing the corporate registration forms a Master Application is required to MLS.

For expedited service to incorporate your business, complete the *Application to Form a Profit Corporation* at www.secstate.wa.gov/corps

Or you can complete the application on paper and mail it in a **separate envelope** to:

Corporations Division

Office of the Secretary of State

PO Box 40234

Olympia, WA 98504-0234

EGG HANDLER/DEALER

\$30 for first location

\$15 for each additional location

Additional forms required

Department of Agriculture

Required for businesses or persons that:

- Produce, handle, contract for, or obtain possession or control of eggs for sale to wholesalers, dealers or retailers within or into Washington; or
- Process eggs and sell them to wholesalers, dealers, retailers or consumers within or into Washington.

A license must be posted at each location where the licensee operates. **Note:** Poultry producers who sell eggs from their own flocks at the place of production directly to household consumers do not need to be licensed.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

\$783 for main location

\$540 for each branch location

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for any for-profit business that helps persons obtain employment, where the job seeker pays for the service. This includes giving verbal or written lists of available employment positions. Application requires a \$2,000 surety bond, a copy of the client contract, and the fee schedule. General manager of the agency must be licensed with the Department of Licensing. **Exemptions:** Temporary employment services, labor unions, nonprofit schools and colleges, career guidance and counseling centers, theatrical agencies, and farm labor contractors.

EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORY SERVICE

No fee

Department of Licensing

Required for any for-profit employment business that only provides written or verbal lists of employers, which do not include specified positions. Application requires a copy of the client contract.

FOR HIRE

Permit: \$20

Certificates: \$20 per vehicle

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for all vehicles used for the transportation of passengers for compensation in taxicabs, cabulances or other for hire vehicles (except limousines and whitewater craft; see specific licenses for those for hire vehicles). The state permit fee is not required if a permit fee is paid to a local city or county, however all vehicles must have a for hire certificate from the state, regardless. See also the section headed "Weighing & Measuring Devices" about registering the meter used in for hire vehicles.

LIMOUSINE CARRIER

\$40 per location

Vehicle Certificate: \$25 per limousine

Vehicle Inspection Report: \$25 per limousine

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing, Washington State Patrol, and Port Districts of King County

Required for any business that operates unmetered, unmarked, chauffeur-driven, luxury, for hire vehicles (definition of a limousine is found in RCW 46.04). Limousines must transport persons under a single contract, on a prearranged basis, to a specific destination or particular itinerary. Each limousine vehicle must pass inspection by the Washington State Patrol and be certified by the Department of Licensing. Businesses operating in the Port District of King County may be licensed through the port district. Other for hire businesses (such as taxi-cabs) must register separately with the Department of Licensing (see For Hire license).

LIQUOR LICENSES

Variable fees (see Liquor License Description and Fee Information Sheet)

Additional forms and agency approval required

Liquor Control Board

Required for businesses or nonprofit organizations retailing or serving beer, wine or spirits; or manufacturing, distilling, wholesaling, transporting, importing, or exporting alcoholic beverages. Also needed for changing the location of a licensed premises. A more detailed description of these licenses is available through the Master License Service.

LOTTERY RETAILER

\$25 per location (one-time, nonrefundable)

Additional forms and agency approval required.

Washington's Lottery

Required for businesses selling Lottery products. Applicants must certify that they comply with federal, state and agency accessibility requirements, and provide a personal/criminal history. The Lottery also requires an electronic funds transfer account to transfer Lottery sales debits and credits. The Lottery will separately charge retailers a one-time \$700 set-up fee, and a weekly equipment and support fee. Contact the Lottery at 1-800-732-5101, option 4, for more information.

MINOR WORK PERMIT

No fee

Agency approval required

Department of Labor and Industries

If you employ one or more people under 18 years old, you must apply for a permit to employ minors, in addition to industrial insurance as described on page 1.

NURSERY RETAILER/WHOLESALE

Fees listed below include a 20% surcharge

Additional forms required

Department of Agriculture

Required for businesses that:

- Sell or hold live plants or turf for planting, breeding, or decoration; or
- Perform landscaping and lawn maintenance which provides planting or installing new plants or turf.

A license is not required if you sell less than \$100 per year or cut flowers only. **Choose either a wholesale or retail license** based on what you believe will be your primary source of income, then estimate your total nursery sales for the calendar year.

Determine the fee due based on your license type and your sales estimate.

Nursery Retailer:

\$100 to \$2,500
\$2,501 to \$15,000
Over 15,000

License Fee:

\$46.48 per location
\$99.59 per location
\$199.20 per location

Nursery Wholesaler:

\$100 to \$15,000
Over \$15,000

License Fee:

\$99.59 per location
\$199.20 per location

(Businesses selling fruit trees and related stock must also pay an annual assessment fee. Contact the Plant Services Program at (360) 902-1800).

PESTICIDE DEALER

\$50 per location

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Agriculture

Required to sell all pesticides. **Exception:** Not required if the pesticide is labeled **home and garden use only** and is one gallon or less liquid, 5 pounds or less dry weight, or 50 pounds or less for pesticide-fertilizer mixes. Each location must have a licensed Pesticide Dealer Manager to supervise pesticide distribution.

PRIVATE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY

\$600 with unarmed principal

\$700 with armed principal

No fee for each additional location

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for any business that exists to detect, discover or reveal criminal activity; obtain information related to persons or things; recover lost property; identify cause for accidents/losses; obtain evidence for investigations or detect eavesdropping devices. See RCW Chapter 18.165 for full description.

REFRIGERATED LOCKER

\$10 per location

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Agriculture

Required for businesses that rent refrigerated lockers or locker space.

RENTAL CAR REGISTRATION

No fee

Department of Licensing

Required for all businesses conducting retail rental car business.

SEED DEALER

\$25 per location

Department of Agriculture

Required for selling seeds except those packaged in containers of 8 ounces or less by a registered seed labeler.

SELLER OF TRAVEL

\$145 per location

Additional documents and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for businesses that arrange, or advertise to arrange travel accommodations for Washington consumers.

SHOPKEEPER

\$35 per location

Department of Health – Board of Pharmacy

Required of businesses (except licensed pharmacies) selling any nonprescription medication. These medications must be in the original manufacturer's packaging.

TOBACCO SALES, RETAIL & WHOLESALE

Department of Revenue

Required for businesses that sell cigarettes or other tobacco products. Cigarette licenses cover sales of cigarettes only. Licenses for tobacco products cover sales of all other tobacco products besides cigarettes. Both licenses must be held if cigarettes and other tobacco products are both sold at the same location.

Cigarettes:

Cigarette Retailer:

\$93

Cigarettes sold at retail. Fee required per location.

Cigarette Vending Machine:

\$30

Each machine which dispenses cigarettes. A Cigarette Retailer license is also required. Fee required per machine at each location.

Cigarette Wholesaler:

Main location

\$650

Each branch location

\$115

Purchase, sell, or distribute cigarettes to retailers for resale. You must include with your application the \$5,000 surety bond required by the Department of Revenue. Additional documents and agency approval required.

Tobacco Products:

Tobacco Products Retailer:

\$93

Retail sales of tobacco products other than cigarettes. Fee required per location. *(Fee waived if also applying for, or already have, Cigarette Retailer at same business location.)*

Tobacco Products Distributor:

Main location

\$650

Each branch location

\$115

Purchase, sell, or distribute tobacco products other than cigarettes to retailers for resale. Additional documents and agency approval required. *(Fee waived if also applying for, or already have, Cigarette Wholesaler.)*

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

\$100 per tank

Additional forms required

Department of Ecology

Required for owners of storage tanks with a capacity greater than 110 gallons, that have at least 10 percent of volume (including piping) below the surface of the ground, and that contain petroleum or other hazardous substances. Some tanks may be exempt. The application must be filed by the owner within 30 days **after** a new installation is complete, or upon modification or purchase of existing tanks. **Note:** A notice of intent to install (Form ECY 020-95) must also be filed directly with the Department of Ecology at least 30 days **before** new installation work begins.

USED VEHICLE BATTERY COLLECTOR

\$15 per location

Additional forms required

Department of Ecology

Required for businesses that collect used vehicle batteries that are separate from the vehicle. This license is not required for businesses accepting exchanges during sales of new batteries.

VEHICLE SALES OR DISPOSAL

Various fees (see the *Vehicle-Related License and Fee Description Sheet*)

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for businesses that:

- Annually offer, display or sell more than four cars, trucks and/or motor homes, or otherwise act as a dealer of such vehicles;
- Deal in boats or vessels, manufactured homes, park homes, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, horse trailers, utility trailers, off-road vehicles, motorcycles and/or snowmobiles;
- Manufacture or remanufacture vehicles for distribution to Washington dealerships;
- Transport vehicles over Washington highways;
- Operate a registered tow truck; and/or
- Act as a hulk hauler, vehicle wrecker or scrap processor.

A more detailed description of these licenses is available through Master License Service.

WASTE TIRE CARRIER

\$200 (\$50 nonrefundable) plus \$50 per vehicle

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Ecology

Required for businesses transporting tires no longer usable due to wear, damage or defect. Businesses licensed by the Utilities and Transportation Commission or a local government authority need not apply. A \$10,000 bond is required.

WASTE TIRE STORAGE SITE OWNER

\$250 per location (\$50 nonrefundable)

Additional forms and agency approval required

Department of Ecology

Required of any business with outside storage of more than 800 tires which are no longer suitable for their original purpose. A permit from the County Health Department where the site is located and a \$10,000 bond are required.

WEIGHING & MEASURING DEVICES

Various fees (see the *Weighing and Measuring Devices Addendum*)

Department of Agriculture (statewide); and Cities of Seattle & Spokane

Required for businesses where any of the following devices are used to determine the charges for a product or service on the basis of weight or measure. In the Licenses and Fees section of the Master Application form, list each device type (shown in **bold**) to be registered on a separate line and indicate the total number of each type of device **OR** use the Weighing and Measuring Devices addendum.

Scales:

Small: Maximum capacity 400 lbs. or less.

Intermediate: Maximum capacity from 401 to 5,000 lbs.

Large: Maximum capacity greater than 5,000 lbs.

Railroad Track

Motor Fuel Meters:

Low: Motor fuel dispenser with a flow rate 20 gallons or less per minute.

Intermediate: Motor fuel dispenser with a flow rate of more than 20 and less than 151 gallons per minute.

High: Motor fuel dispenser with a flow rate greater than 150 gallons per minute.

LP Gas Meters:

Small: Liquid petroleum gas dispenser with a diameter of 1 inch or smaller.

Large: Liquid petroleum gas dispenser with a diameter greater than 1 inch.

Miscellaneous Meters:

Fabric Meter: Measures bolt cloth and similar material.

Cordage Meter: Measures ropes, cables, and similar material.

Mass Flow Meter: Calculates mass of product flowing through meter.

Taxi Meter: Meter used in a vehicle which is for hire.

WHITEWATER RIVER OUTFITTER

\$25 per location

Additional form and agency approval required

Department of Licensing

Required for businesses carrying, or advertising to carry, for-hire passengers on whitewater sections of Washington rivers. Applicants must provide proof of correct liability insurance and certify that they meet all requirements, including use of qualified guides.

CITY LICENSES AVAILABLE THROUGH MASTER LICENSE SERVICE

In most cities, a city license is required for businesses operating within the city limits, including those businesses that are located outside the city limits but perform services for customers inside the city limits. Businesses located outside city limits must carry a copy of their license while operating in the city.

You may apply for the General Business License for the following cities using the Master Application form at the same time you apply for state licenses and registrations. In addition to the General Business License some cities may require other licenses, such as a Home Occupation Permit or temporary license, to conduct particular business activities. Contact the cities directly for more information.

See the City Fee Sheet for fees and descriptions for the cities listed below. Additional forms and city approval are required for each city.

BELLEVUE

DUVALL

GIG HARBOR

RICHLAND

SAMMAMISH

SKYKOMISH

SPOKANE VALLEY

SULTAN

TUMWATER

Cities joining the Master License Service program by the end of 2006:

ISSAQUAH

ZILLAH

Additional cities continue to partner with the Master License Service program. Visit our website at <http://www.dol.wa.gov> or contact us at (360) 664-1400 for a current listing.